

6. (Amended) The commutator of claim 35, wherein the commutator is substantially cylindrical and has an outer cylindrical wall and a face.
7. (Amended) The commutator of claim 35, wherein the shell is substantially cylindrical and has an inner surface.
8. (Amended) The commutator of claim 7, wherein the shell comprises at least one anchor extending radially inwardly from the inner surface of the shell.
9. (Amended) The commutator of claim 35, wherein the core comprises electrically-insulative material.
10. (Amended) The commutator of claim 35, wherein the magnet comprises electrically non-conductive material.
11. (Amended) The commutator of claim 35, wherein the magnet comprises a magnetic powder and a resin.
12. (Amended) The commutator of claim 11, wherein the magnetic powder comprises strontium ferrite.
13. (Amended) The commutator of claim 11, wherein the magnetic powder comprises barium ferrite.

14. (Amended) The commutator of claim 6, wherein the magnet is at least partially exposed on the face of commutator.

15. (Amended) The commutator of claim 6, wherein the magnet is at least partially exposed on the outer cylindrical wall of the commutator.

16. (Amended) The commutator of claim 35, wherein the commutator further comprises an electrically-conductive material positioned partially within the shell, the electrically-conductive material having an inner face and an outer face adapted to contact an electrical brush in use.

17. (Amended) The commutator of claim 16, wherein the electrically-conductive material comprises a carboneous material.

18. (Amended) The commutator of claim 16, wherein the core comprises a material that chemically bonds with at least a portion of the inner face of the electrically-conductive material.

31. (Amended) The commutator of claim 35, wherein the at least one magnet is a substantially continuous ring.

32. (Amended) The commutator of claim 11, wherein the resin comprises a thermo-set resin.

Please add the following new claims:

-- 35. (New) The commutator of claim 1, further comprising:

- a. a shell;
- b. an insulating core positioned adjacent the shell; and
- c. the at least one magnet positioned adjacent and chemically-bonded to the

core. --

-- 36. (New) The commutator of claim 35, wherein the core is molded in contact with the at least one magnet. --

### REMARKS

The Action maintains that the application contains claims directed to three patentably distinct inventions: Invention I (claims 1, 2, and 20); Invention II (claims 4-21, 31, and 32); and Invention III (claims 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 33, and 34). Applicants hereby elect Invention I for prosecution in this application. Applicants make this election with traverse, and without prejudice to the presentation of claims of Inventions II and III in later applications.

Claims 35 and 36, both directed to a commutator, have been added and thus are properly examined with the Invention I claims. Applicants have amended claims 5-7, 9-11, 16, and 31, originally of Invention II, to depend from claim 1 of elected Invention I.